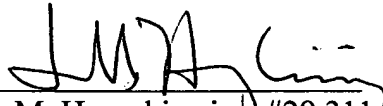


### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to add a benefit claim, to add section headings and provide an English language version of the second equation in the specification, to add an Abstract, and to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims before calculation of the filing fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

By:

  
John M. Haurykiewicz, #29,311  
FAEGRE & BENSON, LLP  
2200 Wells Fargo Center  
90 So. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
(612)766-8216

Dated: September 22, 2004

M2:20654541.02